



Dustin Pender

Position Nominated For: D5 Representative

Professional Experience:

I've coached at the Bantam AA and A levels in Blaine and Maple Grove. I've also coached the Squirt A level at Centennial and STMA. Was recently the Head Coach of the Squirt A team at STMA this past season.

Volunteer Experience:

I volunteered on the HOC as the Boys Mite Director for 5 years. I've also run multiple fall mite camps for boys and girls over the past 6 years to help develop

Why are you the best candidate?

I have 3 boys: Tavin (1st year Peewee), Crew (4th year mite), and McCoy (Jr Knight) who will be going through this program. I bring a balanced mix of experience, perspective, and commitment to the game. I care deeply about hockey at every level. Whether it's player development, coaching support, or creating a positive experience for families. I understand that a successful program isn't just about wins, it's about building a healthy, sustainable culture. I also bring a practical mindset. I'm someone who listens carefully, asks good questions, and focuses on solutions. Boards work best when decisions are thoughtful, transparent, and made with the long-term in mind. Finally, I'm reliable. If I commit to something, I follow through. A board role requires time, consistency, and accountability, and I'm prepared to show up and do the work. Overall, I'm motivated by one thing: helping create the best possible environment for players to grow, compete, and enjoy the game.

Personal Interests:

I enjoy golfing, spending time with my wife and kids doing all sorts of activities. We also enjoy going to the cabin when sports don't get in the way

Family & Player(s):

Alyssa Pender (Wife), Tavin 11, Crew 7 and McCoy 4

Anything Else You Wish to Share:

One thing I'd also share is my willingness to learn. I don't assume I have every answer, but I'm committed to doing the work, understanding the issues, and making informed decisions. That mindset helps avoid rushed or

one-sided choices. I'd also emphasize that I'm focused on the long-term health of the program. It's easy to get caught up in short-term wins or individual concerns, but I think it's important to keep the bigger picture in mind, like player retention, development pathways, and keeping the sport accessible.

